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NO DANGEROUS HAZING IN MINE CLAIM OF THE ECLIPSE MINERS

Mine Inspector Finds No Violations in Investigating Boy's Death

MANSLAUGHTER SUIT STANDS

Investigations into the alleged mistreatment of Charles Otto, aged 16 the Roscoe lad alleged to have been hazed to death, have been made and in the opinion of the investigators his death was not due, as claimed by his father in his suit alleging manslaughter, to any ill treatment in the Eclipse mine where he worked. There was some horse play such as any boy who goes to work in a mine would experience, but so far as actual hazing is concerned there is emphatic denial

Mine Inspector C. P. Byrne was at the Eclipse mine Wednesday and talked with Mine Foreman John Gainer and miners who are familiar with the circumstances. They said the boy had been smeared a little with grease, but that this was a universal custom among miners. Never had tobacco juice been squirted in his ear, it was asserted and never had he been mistreated as alleged in the deathbed charges said to have been made. The physician's certificate reads that the cause of death was spinal cerebral meningitis. Mine Inspector Byrne says he found no evidence of violations. He found that the boy had complained of headaches and earaches while at work. This seems to be a common symptom of meningitis. Coroner James T Heffran has closed the case so far as he is concerned, not having found any evidence to indicate the boy met death by hazing.

There have been no late developments in the suit against four men entered by the boy's father, John Otto, before Justice of the Peace Joe T. S. Cowen

SOUTH BROWNSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT KEPT BUSY

Fate of Up-River Firemen is to Fight Many Destructive Fires During Year Just Closing

It was the fate probably of the South Brownsville fire department to have more destructive fires to fight during the year just closing than any other of the numerous boroughs or cities the length and breadth of the Monongahela valley. The total fire loss carried on the reports of the South Brownsville company for the year figures $102,450. In the borough proper during the year according to Chief Sabin, was $37,850, with outside fires running to $64,500. The two big fires of the year were the burning of the Monongahela Railways round house and shops on March 28 and the recent fire at the West Side tipple of the Diamond Coal company. A loss of $34,500 was sustained in the roundhouse fire and the coal company's loss was $50,000. The farthest point to which the company was called was California where a district call was answered at the time of the California Foundry and Machine company's serious conflagration.

Special Teddy Bears large size 98c at Kirk and Clark's. T&T-*

MRS. LOUISE BREUER, WIDOW OF LATE MATHIAS BREUER, DIES

Leaves Two Sons and Two Daughters —Funeral to be Held Sunday Afternoon at Home

Mrs Louise Breuer, aged 54 years, two months and five days, widow of the late Mathias Breuer, died at her home at 800 Washington avenue this morning at 2 o'clock.

Two sons and two daughters survive, Mrs. Alfred Lange, Miss Louise, Arthur and Theodore, all of Charleroi. Mrs. Breuer was a member of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the church and interment will be in the Charleroi cemetery.

SMALL DAMAGES AWARDED KIHELS

Monessen People Receive $100 for Death of Daughter on Trolley Line

COMPANY'S DEFENSE STRONG

An award of $100 was given Michael Kihel and wife in their suit for $5,000 damages against the Webster, Monessen, Belle Vernon and Fayette City Street Railway company in a verdict returned by the jury at Washington today. The case was hard fought all the way through by the company.

The plaintiffs sought damages for the death of their five-year-old daughter run down and killed by a car of the defendant company on Schoonmaker avenue, Monessen, March 1, last. The plaintiffs alleged negligence, while the defence contended that the accident was unavoidable and that the little girl ran directly in front of the car and the motorman had not time to stop his car before he hit her.

FANCY FRUIT FOR CHRISTMAS

We have fancy fruit for Christmas Baskets, fancy candy, taffy and all kinds of bucket candy. Also Christmas trees. Prices low. California Fruit Stand, Corner Fifth and Fallowfield. 158-t3-p—*

BIRTHDAY PARTY IS HELD FOR ELEANOR JEAN POLLOCK

Mrs. T. L Pollock entertained Wednesday afternoon at her home on Fifth street in honor of her daughter Eleanor Jean, whose sixth birthday was celebrated. About 25 little friends of the tot were present and spent an enjoyable afternoon with games, singing Christmas carols and recitations. The decorations were of a Christmas character and a Christmas tree was a feature. Favors were in the shape of animals.

MAY DIE FROM ODD ACCIDENT

Miner Critically Injured by Air From Compressor Penetrating Body

OUTCOME IS BEING WATCHED

In a critical condition, Peter Dlaske, an Italian employed as a snapper at the Vesta No 5 mine at Fredericktown is in the Southside hospital, Pittsburg, as a result of an ill advised attempt of a motorman in the mine to blow dust off his back with compressed air. The air penetrated his back and caused severe internal injuries, besides proving a shock to his nervous system by its icy temperature. After local medical attention had been given, the man was sent to the hospital. His outcome is being watched by the coronial authorities of the county and the mine authorities. It is feared he cannot recover and that would mean a charge of involuntary manslaughter against the motorman. The accident occurred Saturday after the motorman had completed his last trip.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHOIR PREPARES MUSICAL SERVICE

Under direction of A. H. Bosson, choir director, the choir of the Methodist Episcopal church, augmented by a number of singers, is preparing for a special Christmas musical service to be rendered next Sunday morning. Orchestral accompaniment will be furnished. Following is the program:

Prelude, F. Felot, violin; Felix Rossomme, flute; Mrs. Floyd Chalfant, organ.
Hymn, No. 120, congregation.
Prayer, pastor.
Anthem, "The King of the Ages," choir.
Announcements.
Anthem, "The Star," choir
Offertory, violin, flute, organ.
Anthem, "His Natal Night," choir.
Sermon.
Anthem, "Behold the King Has Come."
Benediction.
March, orchestra.

PASTORS WILL EXCHANGE FOR EVANGELISTIC MEETING

Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor of the First Christian church is preparing to enter into an exchange revival meeting with Rev. E. A. Cole, pastor of the Knoxville Christian church, Pittsburg. The evangelistic meeting will begin in Charleroi, January 21 and a like meeting will be held at Knoxville beginning March 1917.

Christmas Church Cantata Monday

The Christmas Cantata and treat of the Bible school of the First Christian church will be given Christmas at 7:30 p. m.

Be sure to call for a demonstration of the new Pathephone. Tomlinson's Jewelry Store, opposite postoffice. 159-t1

MONESSEN MILLS ARE SUFFERING

Plants Closed Down While Oil and Gas Producers Are Being Installed

LITTLE RELIEF PROMISED

Oil and gas producers are being installed as rapidly as possible at the mills of the Pittsburg Steel company at Monessen and other Monessen plants to put them in shape for operation. They are now partly or entirely closed by reason of the gas shortage.

Over half the Pittsburg Steel plant is closed. The rod mill, open hearth and wire mill at the Page plant are suspended. The entire plant of the Carnegie Steel was put out of commission.

The Peoples Natural Gas company can offer no relief, the company being unable to furnish enough gas to supply the demand. Three hundred wells were drilled during last summer, but not one was a good producer.

TURKEY DEALERS APPREHENSIVE OF TURN TO WARMER WEATHER

Not a little apprehension was caused Wednesday among turkey dealers by the mild weather. Price were barely steady, in contrast with the strong note which had predominated for several days. Increases in the receipts of poultry were such that there seemed more than a possibility of the supply being at least equal to the demand.

These conditions made a break in prices likely unless the weather grows suddenly colder before Christmas. Heavy ice which was forming on the rivers is holding up navigation of the few packets running to Pittsburg from country districts and this may eliminate the usual wharf sales of poultry.

Food Inspector Nels Deadman of McKeesport Wednesday confiscated the carcases of 30 turkeys which had been cooped shortly after Thanksgiving and which had died.

SCHOOL BUILDING IN CARROLL IS BURNED

Gas Coming on Strong During Night Believed To Have Ignited Destructive Fire

Gas coming on strong during the night is believed to have ignited the fire which resulted in the destruction of the Valley Inn school house in Carroll township, near Ginger Hill, Tuesday night. The blaze was discovered about midnight, but the school building was then so far gone that the limited efforts of a few people living nearby were unavailing to save the building.

The teacher at Valley Inn is Miss Ada Snyder. She taught about 45 pupils in the school. The building was a one room frame structure and has been standing for a number of years. It was partly covered by insurance. Included in the loss was a lot of school books in desks. Plans are under way to secure the Ginger Hill church in which to hold school temporarily and arrangements will be made at once to rebuild.

COUNCIL DRAWS WARRANTS FOR PAVING AND SEWERING PROJECTS

TODAY SHORTEST DAY OF YEAR; BEATS WEDNESDAY BY ONE MINUTE

Incidentally Too it Marks Formal If Not Actual Beginning of Winter Season

Today takes rank as the shortest day in the year and incidentally among the men who make the calendars, marks the formal if not the actual beginning of winter.

According to the calendar the sun rose this morning at 7:21—at least what rising it did was done at that time. It will set at 4:34. Wednesday the sun rose at 7:20 and set at 4:34. Tomorrow it will rise at 7:21 and set at 4:35. Just one minute is the difference in time between the daylight hours of today and Wednesday and today and Friday.

WILL GIVE POOR CHRISTMAS NEEDS

Salvation Army Plans Distribution of Well Filled Baskets Here

CHICKEN TO GO WITH EACH

Directed by Captain R. H. Ives, in charge of the Salvation Army headquarters at Monessen, Christmas baskets will be distributed in Charleroi, Monessen, Donora and Belle Vernon Saturday from 2 until 9 o'clock to needy families. Those who are in need are requested to go for the baskets. Their car fare will be paid Those knowing needy ones are asked to telephone headquarters at Monessen by Bell phone 14-J. In each basket will be packed a chicken, five cans of vegetables, two loaves of bread, one-half peck of potatoes, cakes, coffee, milk and cabbage. Last year the Salvation Army distributed between 150 and 200 baskets in five nearby towns.

Importers samples of superb handkerchiefs, hand embroidered on pure linen, 75 cents and $1 00 values 50c each at Kirk and Clark's. T&T-*

NINTH STREET TEACHERS ENJOY HOLIDAY DINNER

Teachers of the Ninth street school this afternoon held their annual Christmas dinner in the school dining room, it being an annual event of much interest and enjoyment. Tomorrow the regular Christmas celebration at the Ninth street school will take place.

COUNCIL DRAWS WARRANTS FOR PAVING AND SEWERING PROJECTS

Contractors Brooke and Cornish Complete Their Work in Charleroi

LIGHT MATTERS ARE SETTLED

Final estimates on the paving of Rose alley and the sewering of Lookout avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets, work lately completed by Contractors Brooke and Cornish, were received by council at a special meeting Wednesday evening. With ten per cent held back the sum of $731.24 was ordered paid the contractors for Rose alley. The total amount of the estimate was $812.49. Nothing was held back on the sewering project, and the sum of $1,294.25 was ordered paid. Only a flush tank remains to be completed on this work.

Final details pertaining to the installation of the new lighting system in the borough were attended to by council and final papers signed, in accordance with the agreement reached at a meeting with West Penn Power officials a few nights ago.

Council decided upon the renewal of the workmen's compensation insurance with Fred W. Brady, representing the Globe Indemnity company.

THREE-YEAR-OLD TOT IS VICTIM OF OPEN FIREPLACE

Russell, three-year-old son of Mrs. Jennie Kiger of Franklin township, died Wednesday as the result of burns received when the littlefellow fell into an open fire place.

Mrs. Kiger left her home to call upon a neighbor woman and left her son alone in the house. Her brother William Kiger, who was working near the home went to the house later to see if the child was getting along all right and found it lying with its body in the fire.

The child at that time was burned so badly about the head that it was unconscious. A physician was summoned but nothing could be done to save the little sufferer.

Besides the mother, a brother, Orville, and a sister, Mary, survive. The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Card of Thanks.

In this way we wish to express our appreciation of the numerous kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter Mary Adele.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heupel and Family. 159-t1

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A GOOD IDEA

High school students, unmuzzled except in point of censorship, are beginning the third year of publication of a neat school journal that is establishing for them a high standard of journalism. That their efforts thus far have been accompanied by unqualified success, is assured—that the publication will not fail in the future.

The publication affords opportunity for just the sort of training the high school folk need. It might be improved only by adopting something of the style of the best edited daily newspapers.

A newspaper office is a school and a journal of the high school publication's promise, ought to be one. It ought to teach, as a newspaper does teach, the qualifications of accurate reporting and the essentiality of good preparation of copy in bringing out the forcefulness of thought necessary to a good story. The application is broad. It does not signify that a person trained in reporting or writing for a journal or in editing one, need adopt the journalistic or newspaper profession as his. The point is that no other sort of training has a broader influence.

OIL SYSTEM A SUCCESS

At the outset the use of the oil system for fuel is proving a success at the Charleroi plant of the Macbeth-Evans Glass company. As a substitute for gas, a fuel that slowly but surely is giving out, it holds forth much promise, unless perchance it gives out too.

The oil system is simple, consisting of an arrangement for burners and a suitable supply system from huge tanks. Crude oil is used. It gives even a greater intensity of heat than gas and a more equitable distribution. Its cost is greater. That is the drawback. The same is true of the powdered coal system, with which steel mills are being equipped.

ADVANCED PAY OR BONUSES

The point is made by an exchange that giving bonuses to employes is a better form of showing appreciation than direct advances of wages, and the argument is good.

America is now feeling the effects of a war-made prosperity, that reflects upon every industry. When the war passes there will be a natural return to the former peace basis.

Wage increases indicate to the worker and to the country that business anticipates present conditions will continue for an indefinite period, when all evidences and history point to the contrary. Wages where advanced may have to be reduced when the war ends. It would be easier to withhold bonuses.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

HOPE KINDLES ANEW

First reports of Premier Lloyd George's address to Parliament were that he had flatly rejected Germany's peace proposals. Later in his address he leaves a loophole for continued negotiations by the stipulation that the Kaiser must state formally the terms upon which his peace proffer is based. The stock market reflected the trend of opinion by first stiffening materially and then slumping as the concluding portions of the address came over the cables.

He asserts that the Allies will receive complete restoration and full reparation, with effectual guarantees of the future. This is far from a flat rejection of peace and unconditional determination to continue the war.

Officially Berlin has not made any definite peace offers. It has merely asked the Allies if they are ready to talk peace. The address of Lloyd George is a step toward such discussion. It is somewhat veiled and truculent; but the tendency is to bring a peace conference just so much nearer.

Unofficially Germany has made definite peace proposals. Restoration and reparation have been discussed. But Berlin does not recognize that the Allies are the only ones to whom such is due. East Prussia, Austria-Hungary, German-Poland and other territory of the Central Powers has felt the weight of war. Restoration and reparation is due from both sides to both sides.

It has declared for a permanency of peace in which a lessening of armament shall play an important part.

While the belligerent groups appear far apart in their views and demands, they are really quite near possible agreement. Both realize they cannot get their wishes by force of arms. Both are convinced they cannot crush the other. Both appreciate the futility of further sacrifice. And both in their hearts are ready for peace regardless of how bravely they talk. From what has happened a world weary of slaughter can take hope of the most substantial character.—Uniontown Herald.

ADVERTISING PAYS

Too frequently the public fails to realize that nearly all public service corporations, in addition to the usual expense of wages, maintenance and operation, are called upon to meet many other charges not directly related to their operation, but rather enforced contributions for the public benefit, says Leslie's Weekly in a timely editorial in last week's issue.

Very wisely the Chicago surface lines for example, are reminding the public of the extent to which they serve. In their "good will" advertising campaign they bring out the fact that paving, maintaining and cleaning of their right of way, have cost them over $14 000.000 in the past nine years. The city's 55 per cent of net receipts has amounted to over $17,000,000 more. "Without counting the $9. 761.000 spent for taxes" says the companies, "during this period the companies have been required to expend—not for transportation purposes but to meet public burdens—the enormous sum of over $31.000,000."

Putting the facts frankly before the thinking public is a wise move for every large corporation, public or private. From prejudiced and ignorant criticism all corporations have suffered tremendously in the past: such unanswered criticism has made the recent extremes of prosecution and even persecution possible. Conversely, putting the corporation's side of it squarely before the public will do more than anything else to insure the corporation's receiving the same kind of "square deal" it is giving the public.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Oliver had been taught that it was naughty to ask anyone for pennies. His mother noticed he had come home several times with a penny, so one day she asked: "Oliver, where did you get your penny?"

Oliver immediately replied: "From the sweeper man (meaning the street sweeper.)

"Did you ask the sweeper man for a penny?"

"No, mamma, I just go up to the sweeper man and say, 'I am looking for a penny today,' and he gives me one."—Woman's World.

The editor of the correspondence columns had a very busy day—a very busy day, indeed. So busy, in fact, that he had to enlist the services of the "sub" to read out the correspondence.

"What is the next query?" he asked, when he had gone half through the pile of letters.

"Oh," replied the "sub," "a reader wants to know how to prevent the hairs in his mustache from falling out. What shall I put down, sir?"

"Well," answered the editor, with a sigh, "just put down: 'The best way to prevent hairs from falling out is to brush them lightly apart and keep them from quarreling.'"—Youth's Companion.

The Empty Stocking

There's an empty stocking hanging
from many a little bed,
Where a God-blown dream hangs over
each sleeping curly head;
And the vision gathers nightly of a
day that's soon to come,
Where little feet should patter to the
music of the drum.

There's an empty stocking hanging
by many a wind-blown door
That must wait in vain for Christmas
in the gray haunts of the poor;
And eyes that now shine brightly
shall, through a rain of tears,
See nothing there on Christmas but
the sorrows of the years.

But out where splendor centers in the
mansions of the great,
No call will go unanswered, no tot
will vainly wait;
The Christmas horn will summon—
the Christmas drum will roll
The tide of joy in magic through the
gateway of each soul.

But where one gift would brighten
the dark of weary days,
No reindeer's hoof will thunder o'er
Poverty's drear ways;
And so, for God's white season—for
some wee dreamer's cause—
Don't you think that you might whisper just a word to Santa Claus?

—Author unknown.

No Joke, Ginger.

"Isn't it awful the way prices have gone up?"

"It surely is. Just think, my husband will have to work three weeks to get money enough to pay for this simple little gown I have on."—Detroit Free Press.

Turn About.

Stella—When you are engaged you tell him that he must economize. Bella—And after you are married he tells you that you must.—Puck.

GINGLES' JINGLES

'TIS EVER THUS.

I hunched myself to the tip that I got from a friend upon the way, and I said to myself I believe he is right, that a snip is in order to day; my bushy gray locks should be trimmed up I know, be shown in a way to improve, be cut up to date, showing modernized lines, showing that I have flopped from the groove. So I sashayed right over and slipped in a chair, told the barber to give me a trim, as to how he should do it. I would not dictate, the manner was all up to him. And now I am sorry, I'm mournfully sad, my cupola sure is a fright, the barber removed nearly all trace of hair, my dome to behold is a sight. My wifie says now that I look like a boob, my bulldog eyes me with a growl, I'm strange to my neighbors, my kiddo says, "Dad, with laughter at thee I could howl." Oh, why should the snip fiend get all but our scalp, when snipping the hair from our pate, and make us resemble a funny cartoon, a something they all give the gate.

Lorin H. Gingles

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Possession is nine points of the law except with the Supreme court.

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The only banking institution most of us have an intimate knowledge about is the furnace where we nightly go to bank our fires.

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Some temperance drinks are worse than the real thing.

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As Lloyd George might have said, "Peace, be still."—Uniontown Herald.

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One county wants the legislature to amend the school code so as to pay each teacher $5 a day for attending institute. Its worth more.

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What does all this talk about merry Christmas mean when you're always spending money to get even with the person who gave you something last year?

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A woman can wait hours for her husband to get home for supper, but let supper be late for him when he's on time, and the domestic tranquility of that home is sure to be disturbed.

Finished.

"Jack got through college in three years."

"What of it? I got through in one."—Harvard Lampoon.

It is better to find excuses for others than for ourselves.

Due Caution.

"Prisoner at the bar, will you be tried by jury or by the court?"

"By jury, your honor, by jury."

"Humph! Why—er—haven't I seen you before somewhere?"

"Yes, your honor. I sell you ice in summer and do your plumbing in winter."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

What the Soldiers Eat.

The food of soldiers in the field varies according to their nationalities. The principal meal of the Russian soldier consists of stchee, something between a gruel and a soup, the chief ingredients of which are cabbage, potatoes, oatmeal and fat meat, preferably pork. These are boiled together, with salt and other seasoning, the result being a thick, nourishing and by no means unpalatable dish.

The Italian soldiers, who are splendid marchers, live largely on a farinaceous diet—macaroni, spaghetti and so on. They are also very partial to fruit, which is issued, together with wine and cigars, as part of their rations whenever possible.

No German soldier considers his daily menu complete without a sausage of some kind or other, and the "stronger" its flavor the better. A nutritious pea soup is also a staple of the army ration.

The mainstay of the French soldier consists of his beloved "soup," as he calls it. It is really a thick, nourishing stew, made of meat, potatoes and various other vegetables.

The English "Tommy" is omnivorous, but the things he loves above all else are bacon and jam.—Youth's Companion.

Maine's Gum Industry.

Gathering spruce gum has long since become one of the steady minor industries of Maine, where every year about 15,000 tons of crude gum, valued at a third of a million dollars, are harvested. The crude article is formed as the result of injury to red and black spruce trees. Hedgehogs feed upon the inner bark of trees, and the injuries they cause, known as "hog cuts," are fruitful sources of gum. Lightning scars, frost cracks, old blazes and the abrasions caused by falling trees and even sap sucker drills are other occasions for gum formation. Around the edges of such wounds little nodules appear and gradually develop into lumps or teats. A wide scar heals slowly and may produce gum around the entire wounded area, while a narrow seam closes so quickly that only a single row of these "nuggets" is possible.—Argonaut.

Transformed Mine.

An old abandoned mine near Saalfeld, in the Thuringian forest, which in the time of Luther was worked for silver, copper, alum and vitriol, has been discovered by a Berlin geologist to have developed into one of the most beautiful caverns. In the course of centuries the water percolating through the minerals has built up throughout the mine a wonderful labyrinth of stalactites and stalagmites, thrown together with a profusion and brilliance of color which is said to be without parallel. Deep greens, vivid blues, the purest white, yellows of all shades—in fact, the entire scale of color is reproduced over and over again, and yet the colors melt into each other so gently that nowhere is the impression of disagreeable contrast produced.

WEST PENN ACQUIRES NEW ELECTRIC RAILWAYS LINE

That the West Penn Power company, has purchased the Steubenville, Wellsburg & Weirton Traction company's system connecting by trolley the cities named, has become known. Formal announcement of the deal will be made after the first of the new year, at which time plans for extensive improvements to the line will be made known.

The newly acquired property is considered an important one, owing to the great industrial development of the territory the line traverses.

What is now the Steubenville, Wellsburg & Weirton Traction line was built in two sections. The first, connecting Wellsburg and Steubenville and passing through Follansbee was built in 1905 by a West Virginia corporation, the Tri-State Traction company. Most of the stock of this company was held by Washington parties and the late D. J. Sinclair, Steubenville financier, and Cyrus Ferguson, prominent oil operator of McDonald were big share holders.

The Tri-State Traction company operated the Steubenville and Wellsburg line until 1911, when it sold out to the Steubenville, Wellsburg & Weirton Traction company.

The newly acquired road is an important connecting link in the West Penn system in the Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia section of the Ohio Valley, joining as it does in Wellsburg, the Panhandle traction line, which is a part of the Wheeling traction system owned by the West Penn, while in Steubenville, connections can be made with the Steubenville-Mingo traction line, owned by the West Penn.

SICK WIFE'S STORY SURPRISES CHARLEROI

The following has surprised Charleroi. A business man's wife suffered from dyspepsia and constipation for years. Although she dieted she was so bloated her clothes would not fit. ONE SPOONFUL buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka relieved her INSTANTLY. Because Adler-i-ka empties BOTH large and small intestine it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. Henning's Drug Store.

Bad Mixture.

"I like a man dat tells de truth," said Uncle Eben, "because I kin trust him. An' I don't mind a man dat tells a falsehood, 'cause I kin ketch him at it. But de man dat mixes up de two is terrible hard to keep up with."—Washington Star.

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The Unterrified.

"Trouble has hit me 'bout as hard as he knowed how," says Uncle Gill, "but he hain't never knocked me out—not yit. When I'm down I take as much of the count as is safe fer me, but by the blessin' of God I'm soon up ag'in, an' then it is I give him all that's comin' to him."—Atlanta Constitution.

What Held Them.

"Mrs. Flubdub and Mrs. Wombat are a couple of haughty dames, yet they seem to get along with each other."

"They have to get along. Mrs Flubdub's children are the only ones in the neighborhood good enough to play with Mrs. Wombat's children, and vice versa."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Dubious Compliment.

She (at masquerade ball)—Do you think my costume becoming? He—Yes, indeed. But you would be lovely in any disguise.—Boston Transcript.

Sweet Thing!

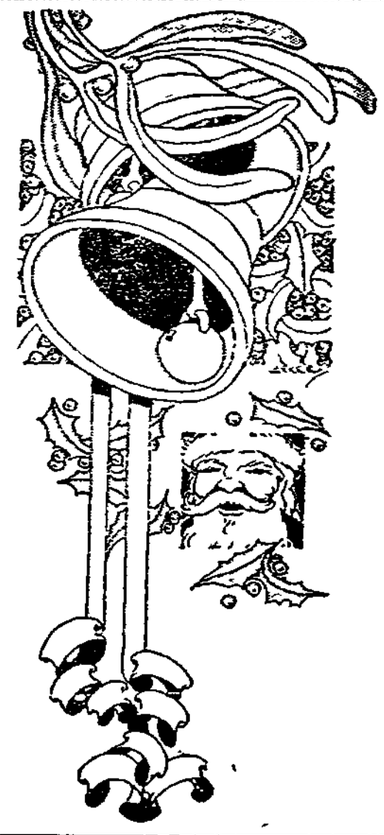
Belle—This yellow dress is not becoming to me. Nell—Why, dear, it matches your complexion.—Baltimore American.

He who reigns within himself and rules prejudices, desires and fears is more than a king.—Milton.

Very Active.

Bing—He's very active in financial matters, isn't he? Bang—You bet! He owes me $10, and every time he sees me he dodges me.—Town Topics.

Honorable industry always travels the same road with enjoyment and duty and progress is altogether impossible without it.—Samuel Smiles.



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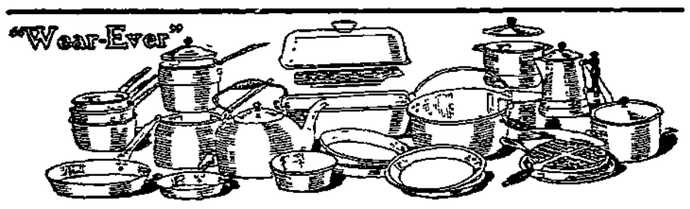

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When Thermometers Differ.

Why does a weather bureau thermometer show lower temperature in hot weather than the thermometer at the corner drug store? asks the Popular Science Monthly. When discrepancies exist they are due chiefly to the fact that the official thermometer is installed in a wooden cage, where it is open to the air, but screened from both direct sunshine and the heat reflected from surrounding buildings, etc. Only under such conditions does a thermometer measure accurately the temperature of the air. A thermometer in the sunshine becomes much hotter than the air around it, and its reading simply tells us how hot the instrument is, not how hot the air is. In large cities the weather bureau thermometer is often installed on the roof of a high building, where the temperatures differ somewhat from those prevailing at the street level. The object sought in this arrangement is to obtain a record of the natural temperature of the locality in general rather than the artificial temperatures of the city.

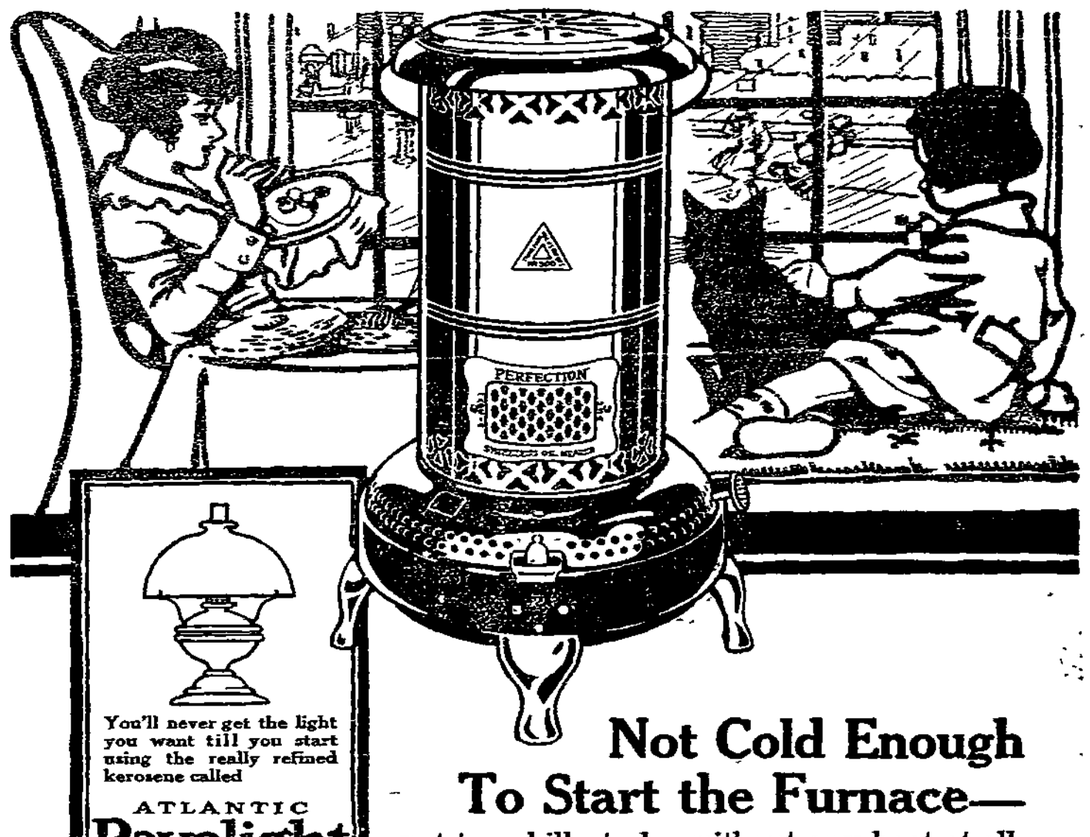
Right For the First Time.

One winter a masquerade party was given at New York, at which practically all the great musical lights in the country were present. Very few knew who any of the others were, but in some way Josef Hofmann, the famous pianist, knew one of the disguised men to be a leading musical critic in the city. During the evening the latter, grasping the hand of the pianist, said:

"I don't know who you are, but this hand strikes me very much as the hand of a pianist."

"Quite right," answered Hofmann, "and it is the first time I have ever known you to be right in a musical criticism."

And as no one unmasked during the evening the critic is still wondering who said it.



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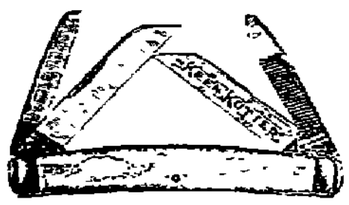

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Stevenson as an Engineer.

Robert Louis Stevenson's old friend, the Rev. Archibald Bisset, was minister of Ratho for over forty years. Mr. Bisset's intimacy with Stevenson belonged to his early "Edinburgh days," when he was trying to become an author despite paternal opposition, and Mr. Bisset used to tell how the elder Stevenson having got his reluctant son safely anchored in his office one day, gave him a problem to solve regarding bridge pressure and went off to a meeting. Louis cast his eyes over the task, pulled Lewes' "Life of Goethe" out of his pocket and applied himself to that.

"Well, Louis," said the father on his return, "have you worked out that calculation?"

"No," was the bored reply. "I knew that nothing depended on my doing it; I haven't the slightest curiosity as to what the pressure would be; tell me, and I will take it on your authority."

The lighthouse engineer looked at his son and then remarked slowly, "I think you'd better go home!"—Manchester Guardian

That Caught Her.

Mrs. Newcomb—Good morning. Is this Miss Wise's private academy? Mrs. Binks (hotly)—No: it is not. This is a private house, and these are my own children. Mrs. Newcomb (hastily)—Why, I thought it must be a school, because the children looked so educated and scholarly and—and refined, you know. Mrs. Binks (genially)—Oh, yes, of course. Come in and sit down. Lucy, call your six brothers and five sisters and introduce them to the lady while I just put on my hat to show her where Miss Wise's school is.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Pilloried.

"You druggists have to stand for a good many jokes."

"Yes."

"A drug store is sometimes facetiously alluded to as a pillory."

"About right, too," said the druggist. "Keeps you penned up most of the time."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Reassuring.

Irate Gentleman (to his gardener)—What do you mean, sir, by telling people in the village that I'm a stingy master? Gardener—No fear o' me a-doin' the likes o' that, guv'nor. I allus keeps my thoughts to myself.—London Punch

Transmutation.

"Do you think you can turn the baser metals into gold?"

"Undoubtedly—if you can guess which way the steel market is going."—Washington Star.

Nicely Trapped.

The sexton of a certain church the other afternoon had conducted a party round the ancient edifice, and, despite dropping more than one "gentle hint," it appeared as if the sexton was to go unrewarded.

In the porch the leader of the party paused a moment.

"I suppose," he said, "you've been here many years?"

"Forty," replied the old man, "an' it's a werry strange thing as whenever I'm a-showing a party out o' the porch they allus asks me that question or (with emphasis) the other."

"Indeed!" smiled the visitor. "And what may the other be?"

"What I calls question number two," replied the sexton calmly, "is jest this—'Samiwell, is tips allowed?' And Samiwell allus answers, 'Tips is allowed!'"

The hint was taken, as was the tip.—London Globe.

Fans of France.

At the time that Louis XV. was king of France fan making had reached perhaps its highest point. It has not gone backward since, but surely no fans could be made more exquisite than were those of the days of the glory of Versailles.

Du Barry and Mme. de Pompadour, the two most persistent favorites of Louis XV., were both very fond of fans, and many are the stories told of their extravagance in buying them or at least ordering them, for the king had to pay for them. One that was chosen by Mme. de Pompadour took nine years in the making. It was made of paper cut like fine point lace, and the sticks bore medallions so tiny but withal perfect that they could only be made out by the aid of a very powerful microscope.—Washington Star

Primary Colors.

As to what are the primary colors is something on which authorities have disagreed. Sir David Brewster called red, yellow and blue the primary colors, and this view has been commonly held by painters and others, since all the known brilliant hues can be derived from admixture of these three pigments. But if the pure spectral colors are superposed upon a screen the resulting colors are quite different. Thomas Young suggested red, green and violet as the primary colors, but subsequent experiments by J. Clerk Maxwell appear to show that they should be red, green and blue. Sir William Abney, however, says red, green and violet. Any two colors which together produce a white or gray light are complementary colors.—Exchange

REFUSED TO OBEY.

Major Butler Carried His Obstinacy Right Into His Coffin.

An amusing incident of camp life in Revolutionary days is related by the author of "Romance and Realism of the Southern Gulf Coast."

In 1798 the first United States troops that came down the Mississippi were quartered at Fort Adams. General Wilkinson by some accident got his cue burned off. Angry at the laugh which followed his mishap, he next day issued an order forbidding any officer to appear with a cue. Obedient to orders, all the officers but Major Butler cut off their cues.

"The vain old prig," said the major. "I'll see him hanged before I cut off my cue to gratify him." And he boldly appeared without changing the style of his hairdressing.

The major was put under arrest, but he declared obstinately that he would spend the rest of his life in prison before he would comply with such a silly command. Soon afterward he was taken very ill, and, realizing that he was at the point of death, he gave instructions for his burial, which he knew would be witnessed by the whole command.

"Bore a hole," said he, "through the bottom of my coffin, right under my head, and let my cue come through it that the old general may see that even when dead I refuse to obey his order."

And these directions were literally carried out.

Twice as Much.

A sailor on being asked how he liked his bride is reported to have remarked: "Why, d'ye see, I took her for one half of me, as the parson says, but dash me if she isn't twice as much as I am. I am only a tar, and she's a tar-tar."—New York Telegraph.

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Sound Waves.

Science says that the loudness of sounds varies inversely as the square of the distance. This is merely another way of saying that if you walk three times as far away from the source of the sound as you were before its loudness will not be a third what it was, but a ninth of what it was, for nine is the square of three.

On the other hand, the density of the medium which conveys sound is very important. On a frosty night the air is dense. One consequence of this is that an automobile runs better because the engine gets larger supplies of oxygen. Another result is that sounds are heard more loudly. However, the report of a gun high up in the mountains is like the sound of an exploded firecracker.

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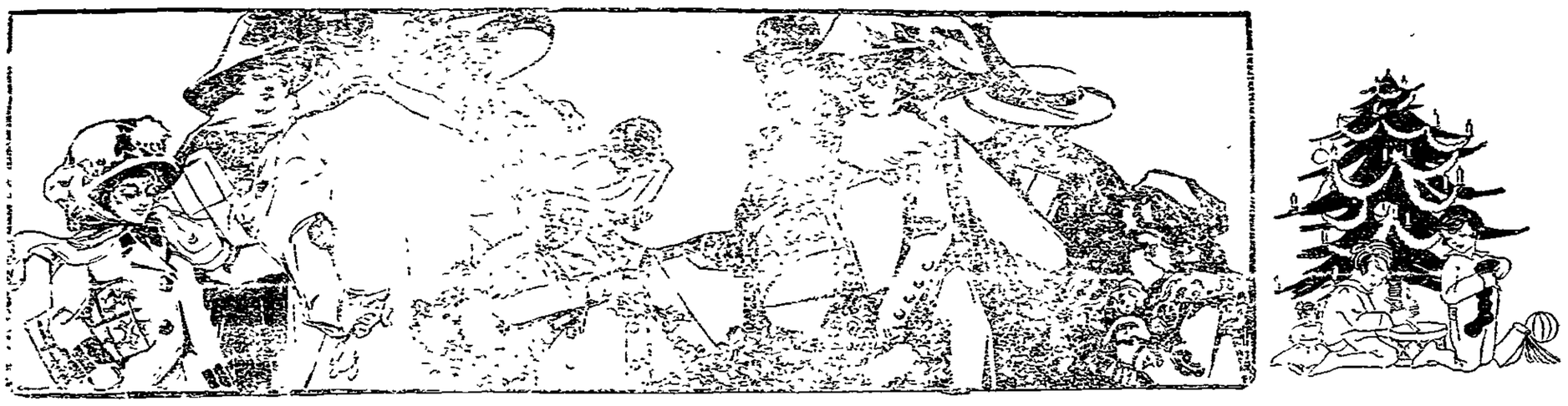

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The semi final will be fought by Joe Frascatore of Donora and Al Martin of Pittsburg. Frascatore's ability is known. Martin is a pug who has been making a big hit in the Pittsburg district by recent battles In the second event Chalky Wimler of Pittsburg and Young Meredith of Washington will meet.

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ADELPHIAN SOCIETY TO GIVE LITERARY PROGRAM

The Adelphian literary society of high school Friday afternoon will present the following program:

Piano Duet, "Mardi Gras" Pearl Carson Blanche Carson

Reading, "The Minister's Black Nance," Alice Lewis

Mandolin Sextette, "Somewhere" Esther Berryman, Russell Carl. Margaret Berryman, Miss Garret, Fred Bastian, Gladys Ryland.

Debate—Resolved, That the United States should invade Mexico

Affirmative—Chester Stahlman.

Negative—Francis Piersol

Music. "My Gay Hussar," orchestra.

Oration. "Chivalry," Wellington Carl.

Violin Duet, 'O Belle Nuit" Roscoe Underwood, Ralph Wick.

'A Journey with Morpheus." Mary Welch

Reading "Little Rocket's Christmas." Beulah Johnson.

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PERSONALS

The Self Denial class of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. C. E Booth at her home in North Charleroi this evening.

Thomas Mangan has returned from Lewisburg. where he is a student at Bucknell college. He was a star of the football team until injured.

Guy Woodward was a busines caller in Pittsburg Thursday

Misses Bess Ritchey and Freda Whitehead went to Ellsworth to attend an entertainment to be given by the pupils of the Ellsworth schools this evening.

William Hott of Monessen was a caller in Charleroi Thursday.

Cleve Mathers has gone to Detroit, Mich., where he will visit several days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swickey were Pittsburg visitors on business Thursday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Davis of Meadow avenue Tuesday, a son.

White fish, salmon, halibut, eel, smelts, squids, butter fish, California salmon, tile, sea bass, smoked herring, and all other kinds of sea fish. Turkeys, chickens and rabbits. Charleroi Fish Market, 407 Fallowfield avenue. 159-t1

All hats reduced to one half price at West's Millinery, 530 McKean Avenue. 159-t1

STEPHEN KADLER DIES AT HIS HOME ON TENTH STREET

Stephen Kadler, aged 28 years, died at his home at 102 Tenth street Wednesday. He is survived by his wife and three children. Mr. Kadler has lived in Charleroi 12 years and is well known. Formerly he was employed by the Colonial Insurance company. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Cyril and Methodius church and interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

Just received a new lot of V neck sweaters in red and black and black and gold. Just the thing for the high school boys. Berryman's. 159-t2

Why not buy the boy a new suit for Christmas at Berryman's. 159-t2

40,000 1917 AUTO TAGS SENT FROM HARRISBURG

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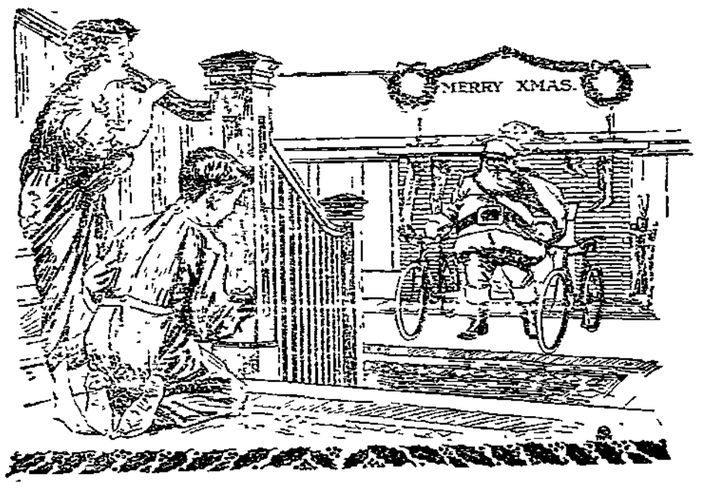

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Love, Honor And Obey

By WILLIAM CHANDLER

"This fuss over taking the word 'obey' from the marriage service," said Charlie Webster to the wife he married a couple of months before, "is the most unmitigated nonsense I ever heard of."

"When we were married I didn't notice that the word was in the service," said Mrs. Webster.

"How can a woman love and honor a man unless she is willing to obey his commands?"

"I don't exactly see that."

"In some instances a command is necessary. Suppose, for instance, I should notice that you were permitting too frequent attentions from one of your old flames. I ask you to desist. You pay no attention to my request. I command you to desist. Isn't that right?"

"You might rather say, 'Dearest, Mr So-and-so's attentions to you are attracting attention, to your and my injury.' That would be sufficient. I would act upon your warning."

"But suppose you didn't?"

"Then a command would do no good."

"H'm. It wouldn't, eh?"

"Suppose, on the other hand, I asked you to drop some old flame of yours and you paid no attention to my request. Would it do any good for me to command you to drop her?"

This staggered the young husband, but not for long.

"It wouldn't do any good, and probably it wouldn't do any good for me to command you, but the right to command is on my side. There must be one head to everything. There is a head to all government. Marriage involves government. Government, to be effective, cannot be with the weaker—it must be with the stronger—party. Man is stronger than woman; therefore he is the natural governor."

"When a man and a woman love each other, what's the need of government?"

"How about the children?"

"The children? Oh, the mother naturally governs the children."

"Oh, she does? You may as well understand now as later that if we have a boy I shall not permit you to make a milksop of him by coddling him, as some mothers do of their boys."

"And you may as well understand that you shall not give him the harsh treatment Joe Tucker gives little Ben."

"I shall teach our son one thing—obedience."

"Obedience to both of us?"

"Certainly."

"Suppose you tell him to do one thing and I tell him to do another?"

"Aha! There you have proved my case. It will be your duty to yield to me in the matter—in other words, to obey me. How can our child expect to obey me unless you set him the example? It's my opinion that these divines, instead of taking the word 'obey' out of the marriage service, should make it stronger. It should be printed in capitals and with a dozen exclamation points."

"If I were to marry you again I would insist on the word 'obey' being left out."

"Then you wouldn't marry me."

"And we wouldn't have any son for you to abuse."

"You mean you would make a Miss Nancy of him."

"I'm sorry I married you at all. I now see in you what I have never seen before, the disposition of a tyrant."

"And I see in you what promises to be a rebellious wife."

"Very well. If we can't get on together we'll have to separate."

That was the end of the fracas, for she flounced out of the room, leaving her husband gaping after her.

"I wish those confounded ministers," he said to himself, "had left the marriage service alone. What difference does it make whether the word 'obey' is in it or out of it? Maud didn't consider it of any importance till these divines brought it up."

He was miserable for an hour, and his wife was in the same condition. Then he gave excellent evidence as to who was master. His wife being the weaker party, it was his part to offer the olive branch to her, not she to him. He went to her, kissed her and said:

"Sweetheart, it seems to me that you and I quarreling about the management of a boy who may never be born is like fighting for the sky for a pasture."

"It was all my fault," she sobbed. "If we ever have a boy I shall expect his father to take the lead in managing him, of course."

One day three years later Mr. Webster was in the library with his son Billy. Billy deliberately took a tumbler from a table and smashed it on the floor.

"Billy," said his father, "if you do that again I shall punish you severely."

The boy defiantly took up a glass pitcher and repeated the smashing process.

His father was about to take him over his knee for a spanking when there was a swish of skirts on the stairs and Mrs. Webster dashed into the room, took Billy in her arms and disappeared like a retreating whirlwind up the staircase.

"There's a lesson in obedience for you," said Webster to himself. "Our ancestors who put the word 'obey' in the marriage service knew what they were doing. But in these degenerate days it doesn't make any difference whether it is there or not."

How to Find Fault.

It is not difficult to find fault, because there is so much of it lying around. That's where the difficulty comes in. There is no honor or distinction in finding fault that anybody else can find and everybody else has found.

If you want to be a success at fault-finding you must branch out on fresh lines, use new and ingenious methods and find fault that has never been found before. Where is the honor in finding fault with your wife's biscuits, or with the fact that dinner is late, or other such daily occurrences? But only let some budding scientist find a modicum of fault with the inexactitude of the isothermal lines as evidenced by the cross currents of the Martian canals, and he is in a fair way to accumulate unto himself both fame and fortune.

In brief, then, it is with finding fault as with everything else—be not commonplace.—Life.

New York City Garbage Disposal.

The method of garbage disposal in New York city is as follows:

Garbage, placed in separate cans by householders, is collected in city vehicles and transported to dumps along the water fronts of Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn, where it is placed upon contractors' scows.

A filled scow is towed to a reduction plant on Barren island, in Jamaica bay, where the material is cooked, the grease extracted and the tankage or soiled matter dried. Grease is sold for soap making, etc., and tankage is used as fertilizer. The moisture only is wasted.

The contractor's work begins at the dumps, and for the privilege of receiving the 400,000 tons of garbage per annum the contractor is obliged by agreement to pay the city an average sum of $97,000 per year for a term of five years.—New York Times.

Three Places to Watch.

Political regeneration must start in a quickening of the civic conscience. Men in larger numbers must begin to take a deepened interest in political policies and programs. The three places which should be kept in the mind's eye evermore are the city hall, the state capitol and Washington city. What the representatives of the people are thinking and saying and doing should be closely scrutinized and scrupulously judged. When our newspapers pass out of the semi-barbaric stage of newspaper development they will devote less space to accident and gossip and crime and lay before the public day by day in ampler fullness the doings of our aldermen, our assemblymen and our congressmen.—Woman's Home Companion

Superiority of the Past.

We hear from the best authorities that the classics are not studied as they used to be. This does not surprise us, because it has been equally true of every age. For instance, Bishop Berkeley, discoursing in 1744 "on the virtues of tar water" and other things that came into his mind, said: "In these free thinking times many an empty head is shook at Aristotle and Plato as well as at the Holy Scriptures. * * * In these days that depth of that old learning is rarely fathomed." This reminds us of the political debate in a corner grocery where one of the village sages remarked, "Jimson is not the man he used to be," and another responded, "No, and he ne er was"—Independent

Prose Period.

"Here's a postal card from my husband," remarked Mrs. Dobson. "He's out of town, you know."

"What does he say?" asked Mrs. Dubwaite.

"'Am well. Home Tuesday.' Four words! And when that man was courting me he used to write me poetry by the yard."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A Double Barreled Scheme.

"Better buy some stock in my proposed copper mine. The operating expenses will be unusually low."

"Why so?"

"I am going to work it in connection with a school of mines and let the students do the digging."—Spokane Review.

Not the Same.

Tess—He said I looked handsome in that gown, didn't he? Jess—Not exactly. He said that gown looked handsome on you.—Exchange.

Foolish Question.

Mrs. Culchaw—Did you see any of the old masters while you were abroad? Mrs. Newrich—Mercy, no! They are all dead.—Exchange.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Sunshine Destroys Germs.

The clothing we wear harbors myriads of disease germs. This is especially true of woolen garments. Cotton and silk do not retain germs so readily as wool and are therefore more suitable for clothing to be worn during exposure to illness. Nurses are obliged to wear cotton garments when in attendance upon the sick. To destroy germs in clothing there is nothing more potent than bright sunlight and air. Hang clothing, blankets, quilts, etc., outdoors where the sun and wind may beat upon them for several hours, and disease germs lurking in their meshes will be destroyed.

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